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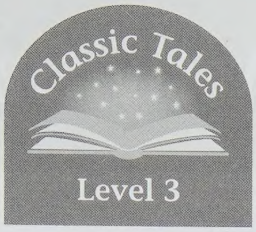

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Activities

Before you read, can you write the words?

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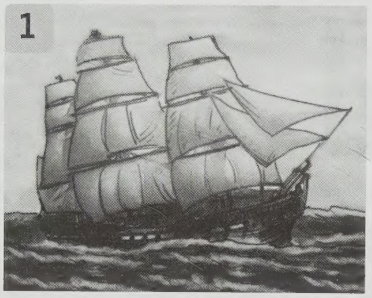

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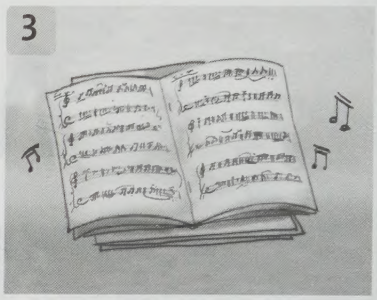

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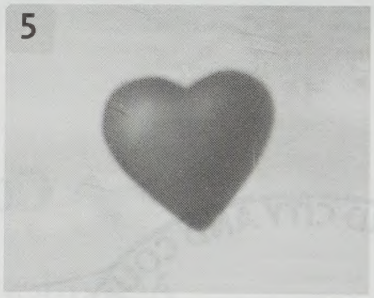

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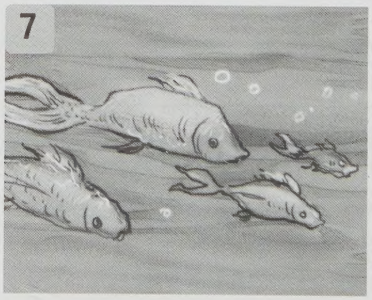

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Pages 2–3

1 Write the words.

garden tails ~~mermaid~~ king fish grandmother youngest

1 This is the story of a little *mermaid*.
2 She lived with her father, her _____, and her five older sisters.
3 Her father was the _____.
4 The sisters were all beautiful, with long hair and _____.
5 The little mermaid was the _____.
6 There was a _____ with wonderful flowers and trees.
7 The little mermaid played there with all the _____.

2 Circle the correct words.

1 One day the little mermaid looked / jumped up.
2 She asked, 'What is around / above the sea?'
3 Her grandmother said, 'A sea of air / flowers called the sky.'
4 'And fish called birds can fly / swim!'
5 'The people up there have no heads / tails.'
6 'They walk on two legs on the sea / ground.'
7 The little mermaid said, 'I want to see the sky / air, the birds, and the people.'
8 'Not now / again,' her grandmother said.
9 'When you are younger / older,' she said.
10 'When you are fourteen / fifteen.'

Pages 4–5

1 Answer the questions.

1 Who is it?
It's the prince.

2 Where is he?

_____

3 Who is with him?

_____

4 Why are they dancing and laughing?

_____

5 How old is he?

_____

2 Write the words. Then complete the sentences.

1 ksy *sky*
2 rcneip _____
3 efenitf _____
4 siph _____
5 mtros _____
6 argny _____
7 ayitbhrd _____
8 imcsu _____
9 edmamri _____

a At last the little mermaid was _____.
b She swam up at once and she saw a _____.
c She swam near to it and she heard _____.
d Then she saw a young man – a _____.
e He was sixteen years old and it was his _____.
f 'He is lovely,' said the little _____.
g Suddenly the *sky* went black.
h The men on the ship shouted, 'It's a _____!'
i The sea was black and _____.

Pages 6–7

1 Make sentences about the story. Then number them 1–6.

☐ She put her arms around him and ...	came and found him.
☐ Nobody saw the little mermaid and she ...	swam with him.
☐ The little mermaid found ...	went back to the sea.
☐ She took him to a beach and ...	was alive.
☐ Soon a young girl and her friends ...	left him in the sun.
☐ His eyes were closed but he ...	the prince.

2 Circle the correct words. Then complete the sentences.

1 The little mermaid thought about the *prince*.
king (prince) fish

2 She asked her _____, 'How long do people live up there?'
grandmother sister friend

3 The old mermaid said, 'Down here we can live for three hundred _____.'
years days minutes

4 She said, 'People only live for _____ or ninety years.'
sixty seventy eighty

5 'But their _____ do not die when their bodies die.'
children animals souls

6 She said, 'Their souls fly up to the _____!'
sky sun air

Pages 8–9

1 Put the words in the correct order.

1 to get It's easy not soul a.
It's not easy to get a soul.

2 A you and must love man you marry.
_____

3 can that happen But never.
_____

4 mermaid a with You're a tail!
_____

5 witch me the sea help Perhaps can.
_____

6 magic I make can a you drink.
_____

7 again mermaid You a can be never.
_____

2 Match, then complete the sentences with the past tense.

laugh sing swim look say

sang said laughed looked swam

1 The little mermaid *looked* sadly at her beautiful tail.
2 'Let's be happy,' _____ the old mermaid.
3 The little mermaid danced and _____.
4 Then she _____ to the sea witch's house.
5 'You love a man,' _____ the sea witch.

Pages 10–11

1 Answer the questions.

1 Who is it?
It's the sea witch.

2 What does she want?

_____

3 What does the witch make?

_____

4 Is the little mermaid afraid?

_____

5 Who does she want very much?

_____

6 What does the witch cut off?

_____

2 Write the words and number the sentences 1–8.

prince palace eyes knife tongue ~~drink~~ face witch

a ☐ The little mermaid put out her _____.
b [1] The witch made the magic *drink*.
c ☐ The little mermaid opened her _____ and saw the prince.
d ☐ The _____ took the little mermaid back to his palace.
e ☐ The little mermaid drank the drink and felt a _____ go through her body.
f ☐ The _____ cut it off.
g ☐ In the morning the sun warmed her _____.
h ☐ The little mermaid swam up by the prince's _____.

Pages 12–13

1 Write the words.

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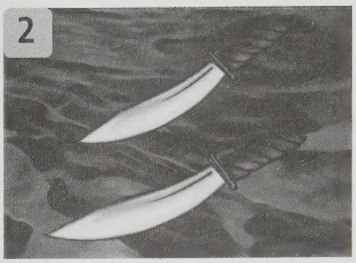
feet



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2 Choose a, b, or c.

1 Walking felt ... to the little mermaid.
a ☐ lovely b ☑ strange c ☐ magic

2 The ground felt ... than knives under her feet.
a ☐ better b ☐ nicer c ☐ worse

3 Everybody looked at her because she was very, very ...
a ☐ beautiful b ☐ angry c ☐ strange

4 'I like this strange girl,' said the prince. 'She can ... me.'
a ☐ marry b ☐ leave c ☐ stay with

5 So the little mermaid went ... with the prince.
a ☐ away b ☐ everywhere c ☐ around

6 At night she put her ... feet into the sea.
a ☐ cold b ☐ hot c ☐ small

7 She did not go home because she ... the prince.
a ☐ loved b ☐ knew c ☐ saw

8 The prince said, 'I can love only one ...'
a ☐ witch b ☐ mermaid c ☐ girl

→ Pages 14–15

1 Make sentences about the story. Then write them in the correct order.

The king and the people were ...	the princess arrived.
One day the prince took the little mermaid ...	they came to a big town.
They waited and waited and at last ...	onto a ship.
They went across the sea and ...	happy to see them.

1 *One day the prince took the little mermaid onto a ship.*

2 _____

3 _____

4 _____

2 Put the words in the correct order.

1 visit across We're king a going to sea the.
We're going to visit a king across the sea.

2 daughter me marry to wants his My father.
_____

3 But her cannot love I.
_____

4 cannot me he marry make And her.
_____

5 stormy saved the You me from sea!
_____

6 broke Then heart the mermaid's little.
_____

→ Pages 16–17

1 Match, then complete the sentences with the past tense.

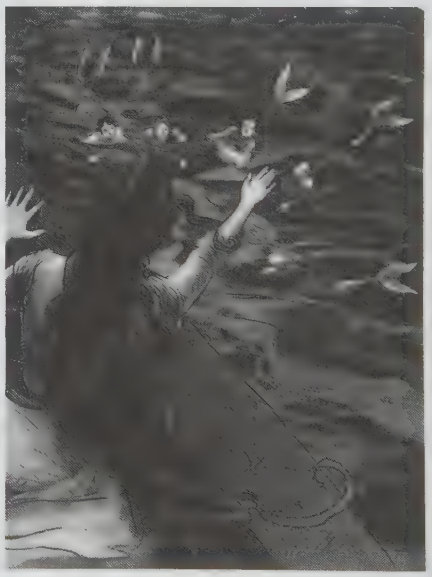
wait smile cut go feel see dance marry look

felt saw married looked smiled waited went cut danced

1 The prince *married* the princess that day.
2 The little mermaid _____ for him but her eyes were sad.
3 That night she _____ beautifully.
4 But she _____ a thousand knives under her feet!
5 The prince and the princess _____ to sleep.
6 The little mermaid _____ to the east.
7 She _____ for the sun.
8 Then she _____ her sisters.
9 They cried, 'We _____ off our hair for the sea witch!'

2 Answer the questions.

1 Where is the little mermaid?
On the ship.
2 Where are her sisters?
_____
3 What did they give the sea witch?
_____
4 What did the sea witch give them?
_____
5 What do they say to the little mermaid?
'Put it
_____



→ Pages 18–19

1 Write the story again, correcting the mistake in each sentence.

The little mermaid took the ~~drink~~ and went to the prince. How afraid he was! She threw the knife into the air. And then she stood. The morning sun was black on the water, and she was nothing. But then she looked up and heard music! 'We are the children of the sky,' the voices sang. 'We help people for three thousand years. Then we get a heart.'

The little mermaid took the knife and went to the prince.

2 Write the words.

sad warm yellow little wonderful ~~lovely~~ good

1 How *lovely* the prince was!
2 The morning sun was _____ on the water.
3 The voices sang, 'You are _____. So, come!'
4 The _____ mermaid saw the prince and the princess.
5 She sang, 'Don't be _____.'
6 The air was new and _____.
7 And the morning sun was _____ on the prince's face.

Play

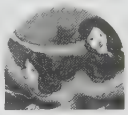
Act the play.

Characters

Chorus

Little mermaid

Father
(no words to speak)


Sisters (5)

Grandmother

Prince

Prince's friends

Young girl (princess)
(no words to speak)

Young girl's friends (2)
(no words to speak)

Sea witch

King
(no words to speak)

Children of the air
(voices)

→ Pages 2–3

Scene 1

Chorus: A little mermaid lived with her father, her grandmother, and her five older sisters.

Little mermaid: What is above the sea?

Grandmother: A sea of air called the sky.

Little mermaid: I want to see the sky.

Grandmother: Not now. When you are fifteen.

Pages 4–8

Scene 2

Chorus: At last the little mermaid was fifteen. She swam up and she saw a ship. She saw a prince. He laughed and danced with his friends. It was his birthday.

Little mermaid: Oh! He is lovely.

Chorus: Suddenly the sky went black. It was a storm! The sea was angry. The ship began to break.

Prince and prince's friends: Help! Help!

Chorus: They all jumped into the water.

Scene 3

Chorus: The little mermaid found the prince. His eyes were closed. But he was alive. She took him to a beach. Soon a young girl and her friends found him. Nobody saw the little mermaid. And she went back to the sea.

Scene 4

Little mermaid: How long do people live up there?

Grandmother: People live for eighty or ninety years. But their souls do not die. Their souls fly up to the sky!

Little mermaid: Oh, Grandmother, I want to have a soul.

Grandmother: It's not easy to get a soul. A man must love you. That can never happen. You're a mermaid!

→ Pages 9–12

Scene 5

Little mermaid: Perhaps the sea witch can help me.

Chorus: The little mermaid swam to the sea witch's house.

Sea witch: You love a man. And you want legs! All right, I can make you a magic drink. But listen! The prince must marry you and give you a soul. Without his love, you die and you are nothing.

Little mermaid: Give me the drink.

Sea witch: Give me your voice!

Little mermaid: How can I speak with no voice?

Sea witch *(laughing)*: Speak with your eyes.

Chorus: The witch made the magic drink and cut off the little mermaid's tongue. The little mermaid swam up by the prince's palace. She drank the drink and felt a knife go through her body.

Scene 6

Chorus: In the morning the sun warmed her face. She opened her eyes and saw the prince.

Prince: Who are you?

Chorus: The little mermaid smiled at him. And he took her back to his palace. She walked beautifully. But the ground felt worse than knives under her feet.

Prince: I like this strange girl. She can stay with me.

Pages 13–15

Scene 7

Chorus: At night the little mermaid put her hot feet in the sea.

Sisters: Come home, sister!

Chorus: But the little mermaid did not go. She loved the prince. Her eyes asked him, 'Do you love me?'

Prince: I can love only one girl. She saved me from the stormy sea.

Chorus: 'That girl was me,' she told him with her eyes. But the prince did not hear or understand.

Scene 8

Chorus: One day the prince took the little mermaid onto a big ship.

Prince: We're going to visit a king across the sea. My father wants me to marry his daughter.

Scene 9

Chorus: They came to a very big town. The king was happy to see them. At last the princess arrived and she was very beautiful.

Prince: It's you! You saved me from the stormy sea! Oh! How happy I am!

Chorus: Then the little mermaid's heart broke.

Pages 16–19

Scene 10

Chorus: The prince married the princess. The little mermaid smiled. She wanted him to be happy. But her eyes were sadder than any girl's eyes can be.

Scene 11

Chorus: The prince and the princess went to sleep. The little mermaid waited for the sun. Then she saw her sisters.

Sisters: Sister! We cut off our hair for the sea witch! She gave us this knife. Put it into the prince's heart. Then you can come home. Quick!

Chorus: The little mermaid took the knife and went to the prince. How lovely he was! She threw the knife into the sea. And then she jumped. She was nothing. But then she flew up and heard music!

Children of the air: We are the children of the air. We help people for three hundred years. Then we get a soul. You are good. So, come! You can get a soul!

Chorus: The little mermaid looked down from the air. She saw the prince and the princess.

Little mermaid *(singing)*: Don't be sad. Live well!

Chorus: The prince looked up. The air was new and wonderful. And the morning sun was warm on his face.

The End

How to Use the Play
Teacher's Notes

Introduction

- Speaking or performing the Classic Tales Play is good for your students' English. It is fun, too!
- The Classic Tales Play is shorter than the reader, but uses the same language. So students speak or perform the play after they have read the reader.
- Your students can speak the play in class, using their books. Or with more time, they can perform the play for other classes, the whole school, or parents.

How to Perform the Play

- The Classic Tales Play has some characters and a chorus. (See page 12.)
- Ask which of your students would like to be a character.
- Tell those students which character they will be.
- Tell the rest of the class or group that they will join in with the chorus.
- Ask your students to practise speaking their lines so they can say them without looking at the book. Students may need to look at the book when they are performing the play.
- Tell your students to decide together where they will stand and what movements they will make when they are performing the play. They may have props to hold, too.
- The students in the chorus can speak the lines together, or take it in turns to speak a line.
- Ask your students to practise performing the play together in class before they perform it for other people. When they practise, you can help them with their English, and help them with their movement and expression.
- When they are ready, they can perform the play for other people.

- The Classic Tales Play has some characters and a chorus. (See page 12.)
- Ask which of your students would like to be a character.
- Tell those students which character they will be.
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- Make sure everyone can see a book.
- Ask the first character to begin.

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